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<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/037935 5980657	March 10, 1998	303.468US1	ALLOY FOR ENHANCING FILLING OF HIGH ASPECT RATIO DUAL DAMASCENE STRUCTURES
09/314657 6297156	May 19, 1999	303.468US2	METHOD FOR ENHANCED FILLING OF HIGH ASPECT RATIO DUAL DAMASCENE STRUCTURES
09/942201	August 29, 2001	303.469US2	THERMAL PROCESSING OF METAL ALLOYS FOR AN IMPROVED CMP PROCESS IN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION

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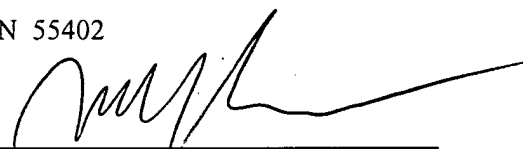
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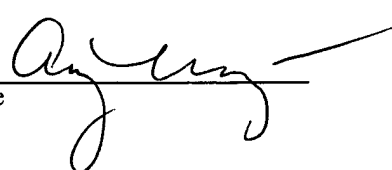
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